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Gelled ester compositions are provided. The gelled esters are obtained by mixing a suitable ester with one or more triblock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, or mixtures thereof. Optionally, one or more diblock copolymers can be used in forming the gel compositions. In addition to gelled esters, gelled alcohols, gelled ethers, and gelled naturally-occurring fats and oils also are obtained by using one or more diblock copolymers, triblock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, or mixtures thereof as a gelling agent. Butyl rubbers and alkyl galactomannan also can be used as a gelling agent. The gel compositions may be used to suspend various solids and/or liquids.



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## **GEL COMPOSITIONS**

### **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This patent application claims priority to a previously filed U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/106,094, filed October 29, 1998, entitled "Gel Composition," in the name of Lin Lu, Jack Cunningham, Jr., and David S. Morrison. The disclosure of the aforementioned provisional patent application is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

## FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to gel compositions which include esters, ethers, alcohols, naturally-occurring fats and oils, or mixtures thereof.

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#### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Numerous gel compositions are known in the art. Some have proven to be a convenient and efficient vehicle or carrier for the application of various active ingredients to the skin. Such active ingredients include antiperspirants, deodorants, perfumes, sunscreens, cosmetics, emollients, insect repellants, medicaments, and the like. Products incorporating a gel composition and those made entirely from a gel composition may be in the form of a soft gel or a stick. Rubbing a soft gel or solid stick containing an effective amount of an active ingredient dissolved or dispersed therein against the skin causes transfer of the gel composition to the skin surface in a layer form, leaving the active ingredient within the layer on the desired skin surface.

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For topical administration of various cosmetic and health and beauty materials to the skin, a gel composition preferably should have one or more of the following desired properties: transparency, compatibility with the active ingredient, controlled release of the active ingredient, minimization of skin irritation, and the ability to suspend organic and inorganic materials, such as color pigments, glitters, water, air, metal oxides, sunscreen active particulates, and fragrances. In sunscreen applications, it is desirable if the gel itself could act as a sunscreen active ingredient. Moreover, it should moisturize the skin and exhibit water wash-off resistence, but should not have significant syneresis. For industrial applications, a gel base may offer one or more of the following properties: suspension, moisture barrier, rheology, solvency, controlled release, wetting, self-emulsifying, etc. For example, in the paint industry the properties that are important are suspension and controlled release.

A gel composition typically is made by mixing one or more compounds to be gelled with a gelling agent. Known gelling agents include metal soaps, surfactants, homopolymers, ionic homopolymers and copolymers, fumed silica, natural derivatives of gums, waxes, clay, and so on. Common gelling agents for cosmetic oils are fatty acid soaps of lithium, calcium, sodium, aluminum, zinc, and barium. A number of homopolymers and copolymers, such as atatic ethylene-propylene copolymers, have been used to gel hydrocarbons. For example, gelled mineral oils have been available; however, gel compositions including an ester, ether, alcohol, or vegetable oil are less common. Because gel compositions including an ester, alcohol, ether, or naturally-occurring fat or oil may provide a better alternative to hydrocarbon gels, there is a need for exploring methods of making such gel compositions.

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## **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The invention meets the aforementioned need in one or more of the following aspects. In one aspect, the invention relates to a gel composition that includes an ester compound and a polymer compound selected from the group consisting of triblock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof. The gel composition optionally may include a diblock copolymer. When the gel composition includes a diblock copolymer, the gel composition preferably is substantially free of mineral oils. In some embodiments, the gel composition may further include a suspended component. In other embodiments, the gel composition may further include an active ingredient. The active ingredient includes, but is not limited to, sun screens, antiperspirants, deodorants, perfumes, cosmetics, emollients, insect repellants, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, plasticizers, insecticides, and medicaments.

In another aspect, the invention relates to a gel composition which includes at least two components. The first component is a compound selected from the group consisting of alcohols, ethers, naturally-occurring fats and oils, and combinations thereof. The second component is a polymer compound selected from the group consisting of diblock copolymers, triblock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof. In some embodiments, suitable alcohols include, but are not limited to, octyl dodecanol and isostearyl alcohol. In other embodiments, suitable ethers include, but are not limited to, dicarylyl ether. In still other embodiments, suitable naturally-occurring fats and oils include, but are not limited to, linseed oil, soybean oil, sunflower seed oil, corn oil, sesame oil, olive oil, castor oil, coconut oil, palm oil, and peanut oil.

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In yet another aspect, the invention relates to a gel composition which includes at least two components. The first component is a compound selected from the group consisting of esters, alcohols, ethers, naturally-occurring fats and oils, and combinations thereof. The second component is a polymer compound selected from the group consisting of alkyl galactomannan, polybutadiene, and combinations thereof.

In still another aspect, the invention relates to a method of making a gel composition. The method includes (a) mixing an ester compound with a polymer compound selected from the group consisting of triblock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof; (b) heating the mixture; (c) agitating the mixture until the mixture becomes homogeneous; and (d) cooling the mixture.

In still yet another aspect, the invention relates to a method of making a gel composition. The method includes (a) mixing an alcohol, an ether, or a naturally-occurring fat or oil with a polymer compound selected from the group consisting of diblock copolymers, triblock copolymers, star copolymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof; (b) heating the mixture; (c) agitating the mixture until the mixture becomes homogeneous; and (d) cooling the mixture.

In another aspect, the invention relates to a method of making a gel composition. The method includes (a) mixing an ester, an alcohol, an ether, or a naturally-occurring fat or oil with alkyl galactomannan, or polybutadiene; (b) heating the mixture; (c) agitating the mixture until the mixture becomes homogeneous; and (d) cooling the mixture.

Properties and advantages of the embodiments of the invention become apparent with the following description.

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Fig. 1 is a schematic illustrating the chain structure of a diblock copolymer used in embodiments of the invention.

Fig. 2 is a schematic illustrating the chain structure of a triblock copolymer used in embodiments of the invention.

Fig. 3 is a schematic illustrating the chain structure of a radial polymer used in embodiments of the invention.

Fig. 4 is a schematic illustrating the chain structure of a star polymer used in embodiments of the invention.

Figs. 5A-5B are schematics illustrating the chain structure of multi-block copolymers used in embodiments of the invention.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

Embodiments of the invention are, in part, based on the discovery that esters, alcohols, ethers, and naturally-occurring fats and oils can be gelled by using selected polymeric gelling agents. For example, diblock copolymers, triblock copolymers, radial polymers, star polymers, multi-block copolymers, butyl rubbers, alkyl galactomannan, and mixtures thereof can be used as gelling agents to obtain gelled esters, gelled ethers, gelled alcohols, and gelled naturally-occurring fats and oils. In some embodiments, the gel compositions and products made therefrom are transparent or substantially transparent. In other embodiments, the gel compositions and products made therefrom are semi-transparent, hazy, or opaque. These gel compositions and products

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made therefrom each have numerous cosmetic and industrial applications.

A gel refers to a two-phase colloidal system comprising a liquid and a solid in the form of thickened liquid, semi-solid or solid. A gel also can refer to a composition that is either physically cross-linked by virtue of entangled polymer chains, or chemically cross-linked by virtue of covalent bonds such that it swells, but does not dissolve, in the presence of liquid. A gel typically is obtained by use of a gelling agent. The term "polymer"used herein includes both homopolymer and copolymer. A homopolymer is a polymer obtained by polymerizing one type of monomer, whereas a copolymer is a polymer obtained by polymerizing two or more types of monomers. "Block copolymer" refers to a copolymer in which like monomer units occur in relatively long, alternate sequences on a chain.

The term "opaque" refers to the optical state of a medium whose molecular aggregation is such that light cannot pass through. Therefore, light transmission through an opaque medium is substantially close to zero. On the other hand, the term "transparent" refers to the optical state of a medium through which light can pass through so that an object can be seen through it. As defined, the term "transparent" includes any optical state which is not opaque. A medium is considered transparent even if only a small fraction of light passes through it. Thus, a clear gel and a translucent gel are considered transparent.

In some embodiments of the invention, a block copolymer capable of forming a three-dimensional network through physical cross-linking is used as the gelling agent. Suitable block copolymers include at least one rigid block and one elastomeric block. The rigid blocks of a block copolymer form rigid domains through which physical cross-linking may occur. The physical cross-linking via these rigid domains yields a continuous three-dimensional network.

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In the presence of heat, shear, or solvent, the rigid domains soften and permit flow. Upon cooling, removal of shear, or solvent evaporation, the rigid domains reform and harden, locking the elastomeric network in place. Preferably, suitable block copolymers include diblock copolymers, triblock copolymers, radial polymers, star polymers, multi-block copolymers, and mixtures thereof.

The amount of a gelling agent may range from about 0.2% to about 80% by weight, depending on the desired properties of the resulting gel. Preferably, a gelling agent is present in the gel from about 1% to about 40% by weight. More preferably, a gelling agent is present in the gel about 5% to about 20% by weight. In embodiments where both a diblock copolymer and a triblock copolymer are used, the triblock copolymer may range from about 0.1% to about 10%, and the diblock copolymer from about 1% to about 40%.

Fig. 1 illustrates the typical chain structure of a diblock copolymer. The polymer chain of the diblock copolymer includes two blocks: a rigid block and an elastomeric block. The rigid block is represented by diamonds. The elastomeric block is represented by circles. The rigid block typically is composed of polystyrene, polyethylene, polyvinylchloride, phenolics, and the like; the elastomeric block may be composed of, ethylene/butadiene copolymers, polyisoprene, polybutadiene, ethylene/propylene copolymers, ethylene-propylene/diene copolymers, and the like. As such, suitable diblock copolymers include, but are not limited to, styrene-ethylene/propylene copolymers, styrene-ethylene/butadiene copolymers, styrene-isoprene copolymers, styrene-butadiene copolymers.

Fig. 2 illustrates the chain structure of a triblock copolymer. As illustrated in Fig. 2, each polymer chain includes two rigid blocks at either end and a middle block which is elastomeric.

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This is a preferred triblock copolymer structure, although a triblock copolymer with two elastomeric end blocks and a rigid middle block also can be used. Suitable triblock copolymers include, but are not limited to, styrene-ethylene/propylene-styrene copolymers, styrene-ethylene/butadiene-styrene copolymers, styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymers, and styrene-butadiene-styrene copolymers. Multi-block copolymers are similar to diblock copolymers or triblock copolymers, except that the multiple block copolymers include additional elastomeric blocks and/or rigid blocks as illustrated in Figs. 5A-5B.

In addition to the linear chain structure, branched homopolymers or copolymers also may be used. Figs. 3-4 illustrate the chain structure of a radial polymer and a star polymer. It should be noted that one or more functional groups may be grafted onto the chain of any of the aforementioned polymers. In other words, any of the above polymers may be modified by grafting. Suitable functional groups for grafting depend on the desired properties. For example, one or more ester groups, silane groups, silicon-containing groups, maleic anhydride groups, acrylamide groups, and acid groups may be grafted. In addition to grafting, the above polymers may be hydrogenated to reduce unsaturation before they are used as gelling agents.

Numerous commercially available block copolymers may be used in embodiments of the invention. For example, various grades of copolymers sold under the trade name of Kraton® from Shell Chemical Company can be used as a gelling agent. In addition, copolymers sold under the trade name of Vector® available from Dexco and Septon® from Kuraray also may be used. U.S. Patent Nos. 5,221,534, No. 5,578,089, and No. 5,879,694 disclose block copolymers which may be used in embodiments of the invention, the disclosures of the three patents are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein. Table 1 lists some commercially available block copolymers

which may be used in embodiments of the invention. It is noted that additional suitable block copolymers may include, but are not limited to, polystyrene/polyester, polyether/polyamide, polyether/polyester, polyester/polyamide, polyether/polyurethane, polyether/polyurethane, poly(ethylene oxide)/poly(propylene oxide), nylon/rubber, and polysiloxane/polycarbonate.

TABLE 1

Copolymer	Block Type	Polystyrene Content(%)	Comment
Kraton® G 1702	SEP	28	hydrogenated diblock
Kraton® G 1701	SEP	37	hydrogenated diblock
Kraton® G 1780	SEP	7	star polymer
Kraton® G 1650	SEBS	30	hydrogenated triblock
Kraton® G 1652	SEBS	30	hydrogenated triblock
Kraton® D 1101	SEBS+SEP	31	triblock and diblock mixture (85:15)
Kraton® D 1102	SEBS + SEP	28	triblock + diblock (85:15)
Kraton® D 1133	SEBS +SEP	35	triblock + diblock (66:34)
Kraton® FG 1901	SEBS	30	triblock (hydrogenated and functionally grafted with 1.7% of maleic anhydride.
Septon® 1001	SEP	35	Hydrogenated diblock
Vector® 6030	SEP	30	Unsaturated diblock
Vector® 8550	SBS	29	Unsaturated triblock
Vector® 2518P	SBS	31	Unsaturated triblock
Solprene® 1430	SB	40	Unsaturated diblock

Note:

SEP denotes to styrene/ethylene/propylene copolymers

SEBS denotes to styrene/ethylene/butylene/styrene copolymers

SB denotes to styrene/butadiene copolymers

SBS denotes to styrene-butadiene-styrene copolymers

It should be noted that block copolymers are not the only gelling agents that can be used in embodiments of the invention. Other types of polymers also may be used. Homopolymers which are capable of effecting strong molecular interaction between polymeric chains can be used as gelling agents. One such example is butyl rubber, which can thicken oil due to its compatibility with oil and high molecular weight. Specifically, a polybutadiene polymer sold under the trademark of Solprene® S200, which is available from GIRSA Industrias Negromex, S.A.de C.V. (INSA), can be used as a gelling agent. Other homopolymers capable of forming hydrogen bonding may include polyamide, polyester, and polyolefin. Still another example is alkyl galactomannan, which is capable of forming strong hydrogen bonding. Alkyl galactomannan is available from Hercules Incorporated under the trade name of N-HANCE® AG50 and AG200. Alkyl galactomannan is a polymer obtained by modifying natural products. It is especially effective in gelling esters and naturally-occurring fats and oils.

In accordance with embodiments of the invention, a gelled ester composition is obtained by gelling an ester compound with a triblock copolymer, a star polymer, a radial polymer, a multi-block copolymer, or mixtures thereof. Optionally, the gelled ester composition may further include one or more diblock copolymers. When a diblock copolymer is used along with one of triblock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, and multi-block copolymers, the resulting gel composition is substantially free of mineral oils. Suitable esters also may be gelled by alkyl galactomannan, polybutadiene, or other aforementioned polymers.

Any ester compound may be used in embodiments of the invention to obtain a gelled

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ester composition. An ester is defined as a compound that includes one or more carboxylate 1 groups: R-COO-, where R is hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, 2 substituted alkyl, substituted phenyl, or other organic radicals. Suitable esters include 3 monoesters, diesters, triesters, etc. For example, one class of suitable esters that can be gelled 4 is represented by the 5

following formulas:

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where n=1, 2, 3, and 4, and  $R_1$  includes hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, and substituted phenyl; and R2 includes hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, substituted phenyl, alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, substituted phenylene, etc. It is noted that a suitable group for  $R_2$  depends on whether n is 1, 2, 3, or 4.

Another class of suitable esters that may be gelled in embodiments of the invention is represented by the following formula:

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where R<sub>3</sub> includes alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, and substituted phenylene.

Still another class of suitable esters that may be gelled in embodiments of the invention is represented by the following formula:

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5  $R_4 - O - C - R_7$ 6  $R_5 - O - C - R_8$ 8
9  $R_7 - O - C - R_8$ 

where  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ , and  $R_6$  individually include alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, and substituted phenylene;  $R_7$ ,  $R_8$ , and  $R_9$  individually include hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, and substituted phenyl.

Preferred esters and their chemical formulas are listed in Table 2.

15 TABLE 2

Chemical Name	Chemical Formula
Isononyl Isononanoate	О    С <sub>8</sub> H <sub>17</sub> —С—О—С <sub>9</sub> H <sub>19</sub>
Isopropyl Palmitate	O    C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>31</sub> —C—O—C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>

	Chemical Name	Chemical Formula
1	C <sub>12-15</sub> alkyl benzoate	O i -C-O-C <sub>12-15</sub>
2	Myristyl Neopentanoate	$ \begin{array}{c} O \\ \parallel \\ C_7H_{15}-C-O\left\{CH_2\right\}_{13}CH_3 \end{array} $
3	Tridecyl Salicylate	OH OH
4	Octyl Methoxycinnamate	CH <sub>3</sub> -O-CH <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>13</sub> H O C=C-C-O-CH <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>13</sub>
5	Propylene glycol	
6	dicaprylate/caprate	CH <sub>2</sub> - CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
7	Pentaerythrityl tetraisostearate	O CH2 O  R—C—O—CH2—C—CH2—O—C—R  CH2 O  CH2 O  CH2 O  CH2 O  (R represents fatty acid radicals derived from coconut oil.)

	Chemical Name	Chemical Formula
122	Trimethylolpropane triisostearate	CH <sub>2</sub> -O-C-R  (R represents fatty acid radicals derived from coconut oil.)
3	Glyceryl isostearate	O    C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>35</sub> —C —O —CH <sub>2</sub> —CH —CH <sub>2</sub> OH OH
	Diisononyl adipate	O O
5	Trioctyldodecyl citrate	$CH_{2} - C - O - R$ $CH_{2} - C - O - R$ $HO - C - C - O - R$ $CH_{2} - C - O - R$ $CH_{2} - C - O - R$ $(R \text{ is octyl dodecyl})$
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Other suitable esters include, but are not limited to, the following compounds:

Acefylline Methylsilanol Mannuronate; Acetaminosalol; Acetylated Cetyl Hydroxyprolinate;

Acetylated Glycol Stearate; Acetylated Sucrose Distearate; Acetylmethionyl Methylsilanol

Elastinate; Acetyl Tributyl Citrate; Acetyl Triethyl Citrate; Acetyl Trihexyl Citrate; Aleurites 1 Moluccana Ethyl Ester; Allethrins; Allyl Caproate; Amyl Acetate; Amyl Benzoate; Amyl 2 Salicylate; Arachidyl Behenate; Arachidyl Glycol Isostearate; Arachidyl Propionate; Ascorbyl 3 Dipalmitate; Ascorbyl Palmitate; Ascorbyl Stearate; Aspartame; Batyl Isostearate; Batyl 4 Stearate: Bean Palmitate: Behenyl Beeswax; Behenyl Behenyl Benzoate; Behenyl 5 6 Erucate: Behenyl Isostearate: Behenyl/Isostearyl Beeswax; 1,2,4-Benzenetriacetate; Benzoin (Styrax Bensoin) Gum; Benzoxiquine; Benzyl Acetate; Benzyl Benzoate; Benzyl Cinnamate; 7 Benzyl Hyaluronate; Benzyl Laurate; Benzyl Nicotinate; Benzylparaben; Benzyl Salicylate; 8 9 Beta-Sitosteryl Acetate; Borago Officinalis Ethyl Ester; Butoxyethyl Acetate; Butoxyethyl 10 Nicotinate; Butoxyethyl Stearate; Butyl Acetate; Butyl Acetyl Ricinoleate; Butyl Benzoate; Butyl Benzyl Phthalate; 2-t-Butylcyclohexyl Acetate; Butylene Glycol Dicaprylate/Dicaprate; 11 Butylene Glycol Montanate; Butyl Ester of Ethylene/MA Copolymer; Butyl Ester of PVM/MA 12 Copolymer; Butylglucoside Caprate; Butyl Isostearate; Butyl Lactate; Butyl Methacrylate; 13 Butyl Myristate: Butyloctyl Beeswax; Butyloctyl Benzoate; Butyloctyl Candelillate; Butyloctyl 14 15 Oleate: Butyloctyl Salicylate: Butyl Oleate: Butyl PABA; Butylparaben; Butyl Phthalyl Butyl Glycolate; Butyl Stearate; Butyl Thioglycolate; Butyroyl Trihexyl Citrate; C18-36 Acid Glycol 16 Ester; C12-20 Acid PEG-8 Ester; Caffeine Benzoate; Calcium Pantetheine Sulfonate; Calcium 17 Stearoyl Lactylate; C-18-28 Alkyl Acetate; C18-38 Alkyl Beeswax; C30-50 Alkyl Beeswax; 18 C20-40 Alkyl Behenate: C18-38 Alkyl C24-54 Acid Ester; C-8 Alkyl Ethyl Phosphate; C18-38 19 Alkyl Hydroxystearoyl Stearate; C12-13 Alkyl Lactate; C12-15 Alkyl Lactate; C12-13 Alkyl 20 Octanoate; C12-15 Alkyl Octanoate; C12-15 Alkyl Salicylate; C18-36 Alkyl Stearate; C20-40 21 Alkyl Stearate; C30-50 Alkyl Stearate; C40-60 Alkyl Stearate; Caproyl Ethyl Glucoside; 22

C10-30 Oil Benzoate: Butyrate; Castor Acid: Caprylyl Salicylic 1 Capryloyl Cholesterol/Lanosterol Esters; Cellulose Acetate; Cellulose Acetate Butyrate; Cellulose Acetate 2 Propionate; Cellulose Acetate Propionate Carboxylate; Ceteareth-7 Stearate; Cetearyl 3 Behenate; Cetearyl Candelillate; Cetearyl Isononanoate; Cetearyl Octanoate; Cetearyl 4 Palmitate; Cetearyl Stearate; Cetyl Acetate; Cetyl Acetyl Ricinoleate; Cetyl Caprylate; Cetyl 5 C12-15-Pareth-9 Carboxylate; Cetyl Glycol Isostearate; Cetyl Isononanoate; Cetyl Lactate; 6 Cetyl Laurate; Cetyl Myristate; Cetyl Octanoate; Cetyl Oleate; Cetyl Palmitate; Cetyl PCA; 7 Cetyl PPG-2 Isodeceth-7 Carboxylate; Cetyl Ricinoleate; Cetyl Ricinoleate Benzoate; Cetyl 8 Stearate; C16-20 Glycol Isostearate; C20-30 Glycol Isostearate; C14-16 Glycol Palmitate; 9 Chimyl Stearate; Chlorogenic Acids; Cholesteryl Acetate; Chimyl Isostearate; 10 Cholesteryl/Behenyl/Octyldodecyl Lauroyl Glutamate; Cholesteryl Butyrate; Cholesteryl 11 Dichlorobenzoate; Cholesteryl Hydroxystearate; Cholesteryl Isostearate; Cholesteryl Isostearyl 12 Carbonate; Cholesteryl Lanolate; Cholesteryl Macadamiate; Cholesteryl Nonanoate; 13 Cholesteryl/Octyldodecyl Lauroyl Glutamate; Cholesteryl Oleate; Cholesteryl Stearate; 14 Cinnamyl Acetate; Cinoxate; Citronellyl Acetate; Coco-Caprylate/Caprate; Coco Rapeseedate; 15 Cocoyl Ethyl Glucoside; Copper PCA Methylsilanol; Corylus Avellanna Ethyl Ester; C12-15 16 Pareth-9 Hydrogenated Tallowate; C11-15 Pareth-3 Oleate; C12-15 Pareth-12 Oleate; C11-15 17 Pareth-3 Stearate; C11-15 Pareth-12 Stearate; Decyl Isostearate; Decyl Myristate; Decyl 18 Oleate; Decyl Succinate; DEDM Hydantoin Dilaurate; Dextrin Behenate; Dextrin Laurate; 19 Dextrin Myristate; Dextrin Palmitate; Dextrin Stearate; Diacetin; Dibutyl Adipate; Dibutyl 20 Oxalate; Dibutyl Phthalate; Dibutyl Sebacate; Di-C12-15 Alkyl Adipate; Di-C12-15 Alkyl 21 Fumarate; Di-C12-13 Alkyl Malate; Di-C12-13 Alkyl Tartrate; Di-C14-15 Alkyl Tartrate; 22

1	Dicapryl Adipate; Dicaprylyl Maleate; Dicetearyl Dimer Dilinoleate; Dicetyl Adipate; Dicetyl
2	Thiodipropionate; Dicocoyl Pentaerythrilyl Distearyl Citrate; Diethoxyethyl Succinate; Diethyl
3	Acetyl Aspartate; Diethylaminoethyl Cocoate; Diethylaminoethyl PEG-5 Cocoate;
4	Diethylaminoethyl PEG-5 Laurate; Diethylaminoethyl Stearate; Diethyl Aspartate; Diethylene
5	Glycol Dibenzoate; Diethylene Glycol Diisononanoate; Diethylene Glycol Dioctanoate;
6	Diethylene Glycol Dioctanoate/Diisononanoate; Diethyl Glutamate; Diethyl Oxalate; Diethyl
7	Palmitoyl Aspartate; Diethyl Phthalate; Diethyl Sebacate; Diethyl Succinate; Digalloyl
8	Trioleate; Diglyceryl Stearate Malate; Dihexyl Adipate; Dihexyldecyl Lauroyl Glutamate;
9	Dihydroabietyl Behenate; Dihydroabietyl Methacrylate; Dihydrocholesteryl Butyrate;
10	Dihydrocholesteryl Isostearate; Dihydrocholesteryl Macadamiate; Dihydrocholesteryl
11	Nonanoate; Dihydrocholesteryl Octyldecanoate; Dihydrocholesteryl Oleate; Dihydrogenated
12	Palmoyl Hydroxyethylmonium Methosulfate; Dihydrogenated Tallow Phthalate;
13	Dihydrophytosteryl Octyldecanoate; Dihydroxyethylamino Hydroxypropyl Oleate;
14	Dihydroxyethyl Soyamine Dioleate; Diisobutyl Adipate; Diisobutyl Oxalate; Diisocetyl
15	Adipate; Diisodecyl Adipate; Diisopropyl Adipate; Diisopropyl Dimer Dilinoleate;
16	Diisopropyl Methyl Cinnamate; Diisopropyl Oxalate; Diisopropyl Sebacate;
17	Diisostearamidopropyl Epoxypropylmonium Chloride; Diisostearoyl Trimethylolpropane
18	Siloxy Silicate; Diisostearyl Adipate; Diisostearyl Dimer Dilinoleate; Diisostearyl Fumarate;
19	Diisostearyl Glutarate; Diisostearyl Malte; Dilaureth-7 Citrate; Dilauryl Thiodipropionate;
20	Dimethicone Copolyol Acetate; Dimethicone Copolyol Adipate; Dimethicone Copolyol
21	Almondate; Dimethicone Copolyol Beeswax; Dimethicone Copolyol Behenate; Dimethicone
22	Canalyal Banzasta: Dimethicane Canalyal Romacesta: Dimethicane Canalyal Cacas Buttersta:

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Dimethicone Copolyol Dhupa Butterate; Dimethicone Copolyol Hydroxystearate; Dimethicone 1 Copolyol Isostearate; Dimethicone Copolyol Kokum Butterate; Dimethicone Copolyol Lactate; 2 Dimethicone Copolyol Laurate; Dimethicone Copolyol Mango Butterate; Dimethicone 3 Copolyol Meadowfoamate; Dimethicone Copolyol Mohwa Butterate; Dimethicone Copolyol 4 Octyldodecyl Citrate; Dimethicone Copolyol Olivate; Dimethicone Copolyol Phthalate; 5 Dimethicone Copolyol Sal Butterate; Dimethicone Copolyol Shea Butterate; Dimethicone 6 Copolyol Stearate; Dimethicone Copoly Undecylenate; Dimethiconol Beeswax; Dimethiconol 7 Behenate; Dimethiconol Borageate; Dimethiconol Dhupa Butterate; Dimethiconol 8 Fluoroalcohol Dillnoleic Acid; Dimethiconol Hydroxystearate; Dimethiconol Illipe Butterate; 9 Dimethiconol Isostearate; Dimethiconol Kokum Butterate; Dimethiconol Lactate; Dimethiconol 10 Mohwa Butterate; Dimethiconol Sal Butterate; Dimethiconol Stearate; Dimethyl Adipate; 11 Dimethylaminoethyl Methacrylate; Dimethyl Brassylate; Dimethyl Cystinate; Dimethyl 12 Glutarate; Dimethyl Maleate; Dimethyl Oxalate; Dimethyl Phthalate; Dimethyl Succinate; 13 Dimyristyl Tartrate; Dimyristyl Thiodipropionate; Dinonoxynol-9 Citrate; Dioctyl Adipate; 14 Dioctyl Butamido Triazone; Dioctyl Dimer Dilinoleate; Dioctyldodeceth-2 Lauroyl Glutamate; 15 Dioctyldodecyl Adipate; Dioctyldodecyl Dimer Dilinoleate; Dioctyldodecyl Dodecanedioate; 16 Dioctyldodecyl Fluoroheptyl Citrate; Dioctyldodecyl Lauroyl Glutamate; Dioctyldodecyl 17 Stearoyl Dimer Dilinoleate; Dioctydodecyl Stearoyl Glutamate; Dioctyl Fumarate; Dioctyl 18 Malate; Dioctyl Maleate; Dioctyl Phthalate; Dioctyl Sebacate; Dioctyl Succinate; Dioleoyl 19 Hydroxyproline; Dipentaerythrityl Methosulfate; Dipalmitoyl 20 Edetolmonium Hexacaprylate/Hexacaprate; Dipentaerythrityl Hexaheptanoate/Hexacaprylate/Hexacaprate; 21 Hexahydroxystearate; Dipentaerythrityl 22 Dipentaerythrityl

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1 Hexahydroxystearate/Stearate/Rosinate; Dipentaerythrity! Hexaoctanoate/Behenate: 2 Dipentaerythrityl Pentahydroxystearate/Isostearate; Diphenyl Carbomethoxy Acetoxy 3 Naphthopyran; Dipropyl Adipate; Dipropylene Glycol Caprylate; Dipropylene Glycol 4 Dibenzoate; Dipropylene Glycol Salicylate; Dipropyl Oxalate; Disodium Laureth-7 Citrate; 5 Disodium PEG-5 Laurylcitrate Sulfosuccinate; Disodium PEG-8 Ricinosuccinate; Disodium 6 Succinoyl Glycyrrhetinate; Disodium 2-Sulfolaurate; Disteareth-2 Lauroyl Glutamate: 7 Disteareth-5 Lauroyl Glutamate; Distearyl Thiodipropionate; Ditallowovlethyl 8 Hydroxyethylmonium Methosulfate; Ditridecyl Adipate; Ditridecyl Dimer Dilinoleate; 9 Ditridecyl Thiodipropionate; Dodecyl Gallate; Erucyl Arachidate; Erucyl Erucate; Erucyl 10 Oleate; Ethiodized Oil; Ethoxydiglycol Acetate; Ethoxyethanol Acetate; Ethyl Acetate; Ethyl 11 Almondate; Ethyl Apricot Kernelate; Ethyl Arachidonate; Ethyl Aspartate; Ethyl Avocadate; 12 Ethyl Benzoate; Ethyl Biotinate; Ethyl Butylacetylaminopropionate; Ethyl Cinnamate; Ethyl 13 Cyanoacrylate; Ethyl Cycolhexyl Propionate; Ethyl Digydroxypropyl PABA; Dethyl 14 Diisopropylcinnamate; Ethylene Brassylate; Ethylene Carbonate; Ethy Ester of Hydrolyzed 15 Animal Protein; Ethyl Ester of Hydrolyzed Keratin; Ethyl Ester of Hydrolyzed Silk; Ethyl 16 Ester of PVM/MA Copolymer; Ethyl Ferulate; Ethyl Glutamate; Ethyl Isostearate; Ethyl 17 Lactate; Ethyl Laurate; Ethyl Linoleate; Ethyl Linolenate; Ethyl Methacrylate; Ethyl 18 Methoxycinnamate; Ethyl Methylphenylglycidate; Ethyl Minkate; Ethyl Morrhuate; Ethyl 19 Myristate; Ethyl Nicotinate; Ethyl Oleate; Ethyl Olivate; Ethyl PABA Ethyl Palmitate; 20 Ethylparaben; Ethyl PCA; Ethyl Pelargonate; Ethyl Persate; Ethyl Phenylacetate; Ethyl 21 Ricinoleate; Ethyl Serinate; Ethyl Stearate; Ethyl Thioglycolate; Ethyl Urocanate; Ethyl Wheat 22 Germate; Ethyl Ximenynate; Etocrylene; Farnesyl Acetate; Galactonolactone; Galbanum

(Ferula Galbaniflua) Oil; Gamma-Nonalacione; Geranyl Acetate; Glucarolactone; Glucose 1 2 Glutamate; Glucose Pentaacetate; Glucuronolactone; Glycereth-7 Benzoate; Glycereth-7 3 Diisononanoate; Glycereth-8 Hydroxystearate; Glycereth-5 Lactate; Glycereth-25 PCA 4 Isostearate: Glycereth-7 Triacetate; Glyceryl Triacetyl Hydroxystearate; Glyceryl Triacetyl 5 Ricinoleate; Glycolamide Stearate; Glycol/Butylene Glycol Montanate; Glycol Catearate; Glycol Dibehenate; Glycol Dilaurate; Glycol Dioctanoate; Glycol Dioleate; Glycol Distearate; 6 7 Glycol Ditallowate; Glycol Hydroxystearate; Glycol Montanate; Glycol Octanoate; Glycol 8 Oleate; Glycol Palmitate; Glycol Ricinoleate; Glycol Salicylate; Glycol Stearate; Glycol 9 Stearate SE; Glycyrrhetinyl Stearate; Hexacosyl Glycol Isostearate; Hexanediol Beeswax; 10 Hexanediol Distearate; Hexanetriol Beeswax; Hexyldecyl Benzoate; Hexyldecyl Ester of 11 Hydrolyzed Collagen; Hexyldecyl Isostearate; Hexyldecyl Laurate; Hexyldecyl Octanoate; 12 Hexyldecyl Oleate; Hexyldecyl Palmitate; Hexyldecyl Stearate; Hexyldodecyl Salicylate; 13 Hexyl Isostearate; Hexyl Laurate; Hexyl Nicotinate; Homosalate; Hydrogenated Castor Oil 14 Hydroxystearate; Hydrogenated Castor Oil Isostearate; Hydrogenated Castor Oil Laurate; Hydrogenated Castor Oil Stearate; Hydrogenated Castor Oil Triisostearate; Hydrogenated 15 16 Methyl Abietate; Hydrogenated Rosin; Hydroquinone PCA; Hydroxycetyl Isostearate; 17 Hydroxyoctacosanyl Hydroxystearate; Inositol Hexa-PCA; Iodopropynyl Butylcarbamate; 18 Isoamyl Acetate; Isoamyl Laurate; Isoamyl p-Methoxycinnamate; Isobutyl Acetate; **1**9 Isobutylated Lanolin Oil; Isobutyl Benzoate; Isobutyl Myristate; Isobutyl Palmitate; <sup>20</sup> Isobutylparaben; Isobutyl Pelargonate; Isobutyl Stearate; Isobutyl Tallowate; Isoceteareth-8 21 Stearate; Isocetyl Is Isocetyl Laurate; Isocetyl Linoleoyl Stearate; Isocetyl Myristate; Isocetyl Octanoate; Isocetyl 22

Palmitate; Isocetyl Salicylate; Isocetyl Stearate; 1 Cocoate; Isodecyl Citrate; Isodecyl Cocoate; Isodecyl Hydroxystearate; Isodecyl Isononanoate; 2 Isodecyl Laurate; Isodecyl Myristate; Isodecyl Neopentanoate; Isodecyl Octanoate; Isodecyl 3 Oleate; Isodecyl Palmitate; Isodecylparaben; Isodecyl Salicylate; Isodecyl Stearate; Isohexyl 4 Laurate; Isohexyl Neopentanoate; Isohexyl Palmitate; Isolauryl Behenate; Isomerized Jojoba 5 Oil; Isononyl Ferulate; Isooctyl Thioglycolate; Isopropyl Acetate; Isopropyl Arachidate; Isopropyl Avocadate; Isopropyl Behenate; Isopropyl Benzoate; Isopropylbenzyl Salicylate; 7 Isopropyl Citrate; Isopropyl C12-15-Pareth-9 Carboxylate; Isopropyl Hydroxystearate; 8 Isopropyl Isostearate; Isopropyl Jojobate; Isopropyl Laurate; Isopropyl 9 Linoleate; Isopropyl Myristate; Isopropyl Oleate; Isopropylparaben; Isopropyl PPG-2-10 Isodeceth-7 Carboxylate; Isopropyl Ricinoleate; Isopropyl Sorbate; Isopropyl Stearate; 11 Isopropyl Tallowate; Isopropyl Thioglycolate; Isosorbide Laurate; Isosteareth-10 Stearate; 12 Isostearyl Avocadate; Isostearyl Behenate; Isostearyl Benzoate; Isostearyl 13 Isononanoate; Isostearyl Isostearyl Isostearyl Isostearyl Stearate; Isostearyl Lactate; 14 Isostearyl Laurate; Isostearyl Myristate; Isostearyl Neopentanoate; Isostearyl Octanoate; 15 Isostearyl Palmitate; Isostearyl Stearoyl Stearate; Isotridecyl Isononanoate; Isotridecyl Laurate; 16 Isotridecyl Myristate; Jojoba (Buxus Chinensis) Oil; Jojoba Esters; Kojic Dipalmitate; Laneth-17 9 Acetate; Laneth-10 Acetate; Laneth-4 Phosphate; Lanolin Linoleate; Lanolin Ricinoleate; 18 Laureth-2 Acetate; Laureth-2 Benzoate; Laureth-6 Citrate; Laureth-7 Citrate; Laureth-2 19 Octanoate; Laureth-7 Tartrate; Lauroyl Ethyl Glucoside; Lauroyl Lactylic Acid; Lauryl 20 Behenate; Lauryl Cocoate; Lauryl Isostearate; Lauryl Lactate; Lauryl Methacrylate; Lauryl 21 Myristate; Lauryl Octanoate; Lauryl Oleate; Lauryl Palmitate; Lauryl Stearate; Linalyl 22

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Acetate; Linoleyl Lactate; Madecassicoside; Mannitan Laurate; Mannitan Oleate; Menthyl 1 Acetate; Menthyl Anthranilate; Menthyl Lactate; Menthyl PCA; Menthyl Salicylate; 2 3 Methoxyisopropyl Acetate; Methoxy-PEG-7 Rutinyl Succinate; Methyl Acetate; Methyl Acetyl 4 Ricinoleate; Methyl Anthranilate; Methyl Behenate; Methyl Benzoate; Methyl Caproate; 5 Methyl Caprylate; Methyl Caprylate/Caprate; Methyl Cocoate; 6-Methyl Coumarin; Methyl 6 Dehydroabietate; Methyl Dihydroabietate; Methyldihydrojasmonate; Methyl Gluceth-20 Benzoate: Methyl Glucose Dioleate: Methyl Glucose Isostearate: Methyl Glucose Laurate: 7 8 Methyl Glucose Sesquicaprylate/Sesquicaprate; Methyl Glucose Sesquicocoate; Methyl 9 Glucose Sesquiisostearate; Methyl Glucose Sesquilaurate; Methyl Glucose Sesquioleate; 10 Methyl Glucose Sesquistearate; Methyl Glycyrrhizate; Methyl Hydrogenated Rosinate; Methyl 11 Hydroxystearate; Methyl Isostearate; Methyl Laurate; Methyl Linoleate; Methyl 3-Methylresorcylate; Methyl Myristate; Methyl Nicotinate; Methyl Oleate; Methyl Palmate; 12 13 Methyl Palmitate; Methylparaben; Methyl Pelargonate; Methyl Ricinoleate; Methyl Rosinate; 14 Methyl Salicylate; Methylsilanol Acetylmethionate; Methylsilanol Carboxymethyl 15 Theophylline; Methylsilanol Carboxymethyl Theophylline Alginate; Methylsilanol Hydroxyproline; Methylsilanol Hydroxyproline Aspartate; Methylsilanol Mannuronate; 16 17 Methylsilanol PCA; Methyl Soyate; Methyl Stearate; Methyl Thioglycolate; Monosaccharide Lactate Condensata; Myreth-3 Caprate; Myreth-3 Laurate; Myreth-2 Myristate; Myreth-3 18 19 Myristate; Myreth-3 Octanoate; Myreth-3 Palmitate; Myristoyl Ethyl Glucoside; Myristoyl 20 Lactylic Acid; Myristyl Isostearate; Myristyl Lactate; Myristyl Lignocerate; Myristyl 21 Myristate; Myristyl Octanoate; Myristyl Propionate; Myristyl Salicylate; Myristyl Stearate; 22 Neopentyl Glycol Dicaprate; Neopentyl Glycol Dicaprylate/Dicaprate; Neopentyl Glycol WO 00/26285 PCT/US99/24840

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Dicaprylate/Dipelargonate/Dicaprate; Neopentyl Glycol Diheptanoate; Neopentyl Glycol 1 Diisostearate: Neopentyl Glycol Dilaurate; Neopentyl Glycol Dioctanoate; Nonyl Acetate; 2 Nopyl Acetate; Octacosanyl Glycol Isostearate; Octocrylene; Octyl Acetoxystearate; Octyl 3 Benzoate; Octyl Caprylate/Caprate; Octyl Cocoate; Octyldecyl Oleate; Octyldodecyl Behenate; 4 Octyldodecyl Benzoate; Octyldodecyl Erucate; Octyldodecyl Hydroxystearate; Octyldodecyl 5 Isostearate; Octyldodecyl Lactate; Octyldodecyl Lanolate; Octyldodecyl Meadowfoamate; 6 Octyldodecyl Myristate; Octyldodecyl Neodecanoate; Octyldodecyl Neopentanoate; 7 Octyldodecyl Octanoate; Octyldodecyl Octyldodecanoate; Octyldodecyl Oleate; Octyldodecyl 8 Olivate; Octyldodecyl Ricinoleate; Octyldodecyl Stearate; Octyldodecyl Stearate; Octyl 9 Gallate: Octvl Hydroxystearate; Octyl Hydroxystearate Benzoate; Octyl Isononanoate; Octyl 10 Octyl Isostearate; Octyl Laurate; Octyl Linoleayl Stearate; Octyl 11 Isopalmitate; Methoxycinnamate; Octyl Myristate; Octyl Neopentanoate; Octyl Octanoate; Octyl Oleate; 12 Octyl Palmitate; Octyl PCA; Octyl Pelagonate; Octyl Salicylate; Octyl Stearate; Oleoyl Ethyl 13 Glucoside; Oleth-2 Benzoate; Oleyl Acetate; Oleyl Arachidate; Oleyl Erucate; Oleyl Ethyl 14 Phosphate; Oleyl Lactate; Oleyl Lanolate; Oleyl Linoleate; Oleyl Myristate; Oleyl Oleate; 15 Oleyl Phosphate: Oleyl Stearate; Oryzanol; Ozonized Jojoba Oil; Palmitoyl Carniline; 16 Palmitoyl Inulin; Palmitoyl Myristyl Serinate; Pantethine; Panthenyl Ethyl Ester Acetate; 17 Panthenyl Triacetate; PCA Glyceryl Oleate; Pea Palmitate; PEG-18 Castor Oil Dioleate; PEG-18 PEG-15 DEDM Hydantoin Stearate: Hydantoin Oleate: 19 DEDM Dipolyhydroxystearate; PEG-20 Hydrogenated Castor Oil Isostearate; PEG-50 Hydrogenated 20 Castor Oil Isostearate; PEG-20 Hydrogenated Castor Oil Triisostearate; PEG-20 Mannitan 21 Laurate; PEG-20 Methyl Glucose Distearate; PEG-80 Methyl Glucose Laurate; PEG-20 22

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1 Methyl Glucose Sesquicaprylate/Sesquicaprate; PEG-20 Methyl Glucose Sesquilaurate; PEG-5 2 Oleamide Dioleate; PEG-150 Pentaerythrityl Tetrastearate; PEG-3/PPG-2 Glyceryl/Sorbitol 3 Hydroxystearate/Isostearate; PEG-4 Proline Linoleate; PEG-4 Proline Linolenate; PEG-8 4 Propylene Glycol Cocoate; PEG-55 Propylene Glycol Oleate; PEG-25 Propylene Glycol 5 Stearate; PEG-75 Propylene Glycol Stearate; PEG-120 Propylene Glycol Stearate; PEG-40 6 Sorbitol Hexaoleate; PEG-50 Sorbitol Hexaoleate; PEG-30 Sorbitol Tetraoleate Laurate: PEG-7 60 Sorbitol Tetrastearate; PEG-5 Tricapryl Citrate; PEG-5 Tricetyl Citrate; PEG-5 Trilauryl 8 Citrate; PEG-5 Trimethylolpropane Trimyristate; PEG-5 Trimyristyl Citrate; PEG-5 Tristearyl 9 Citrate; PEG-6 Undecylenate; Pentadecalacione; Pentaerythrityl Dioleate; Pentaerythrityl 10 Distearate; Pentaerythrityl Hydrogenated Rosinate; Pentaerythrityl Isostearate/Caprate/Caprylate/Adipate; Pentaerythrityl Rosinate; Pentaerythrityl Stearate; 11 12 Pentaerythrityl Stearate/Caprate/Caprylate/Adipate; Pentaerythrityl Stearate/Isostearate/Adipate/ 13 Hydroxystearate; Pentaerythrityl Tetraabietate; Pentaerythrityl Tetraacetate; Pentaerythrityl 14 Tetrabehenate; Pentaerythrityl Tetrabenzoate; Petaerythrityl Tetracaprylate/Tetracaprate; Pentaerythrityl Tetracocoate; Pentaerythrityl Tetraisononanoate; Pentaerythrityl Tetralaurate; 15 16 Pentaerythrityl Tetramyristate; Pentaerythrityl Tetraoctanoate; Pentaerythrityl Tetraoleate; 17 Pentaerythrityl Tetrapelargonate; Petaerythrityl Tetrastearate; Pentaerythrityl Trioleate; 18 Phenethyl Acetate; Phenolphthalein; Phenoxyethylparaben; Phenyl Benzoate; Phenylparaben; 19 Phenyl Salicylate; Phylosteryl Macadamiate; Poloxamer 105 Benzoate; Poloxamer 182 20 Dibenzoate; Polycaprolactone; Polydimethylaminoethyl Methacrylate; Polyethylacrylate; 21 Polyethylglutamate; Polyethylmethacrylate; Polymethyl Acrylate; Polymethylglutamate; Polysorbate 80 Acetate; Polyvinyl Acetate; Potassium Butylparaben; Potassium Deceth-4 22

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Phosphate: Potassiu Ethylparaben; Potassium Methylparaben; Potassium Propylparaben; PPG-1 2 2 Isoceleth-20 Acetate; PPG-14 Laureth-60 Alkyl Dicarbamate; PPG-20 Methyl Glucose Ether Acetate: PPG-20 Methyl Glucose Ether Distearate; PPG-2 Myristyl Ether Propionate; PPG-14 3 Palmeth-60 Alkyl Dicarbamate; PPG-15 Steryl Ether Benzoate; Pregnenolone Acetate; Propyl 4 5 Acetate: Propyl Benzoate: Propylene Carbonate: Propylene Glocol Alginate: Propylene Glycol 6 Behenate; Propylene Glycol Caprylate; Propylene Glycol Ceteth-3 Acetate; Propylene Glycol 7 Ceteth-3 Propionate; Propylene Glycol Citrate; Propylene Glycol Cocoate; Propylene Glycol 8 Dicaprate; Propylene Glycol Dicaproate; Propylene Glycol Dicaprylate; Propylene Glycol 9 Dicocoate; Propylene Glycol Diisononanoate; Propylene Glycol Diisostearate; Propylene 10 Glycol Dilaurate; Propylene Glycol Dioctanoate; Propylene Glycol Dioleate; Propylene Glycol 11 Dipelargonate; Propylene Glycol Distearate; Propylene Glycol Diundecanoate; Propylene 12 Glycol Hydroxystearate; Propylene Glycol Isoceteth-3 Acetate; Propylene Glycol Isostearate; 13 Propylene Glycol Laurate: Propylene Glycol Linoleate: Propylene Glycol Linolenate: Propylene Glycol Myristate; Propylene Glycol Myristyl Ether Acetate; Propylene Glycol 14 Oleate; Propylene Glycol Oleate SE; Propylene Glycol Ricinoleate; Propylene Glycol Soyate; 15 16 Propylene Glycol Stearate; Propylene Glycol Stearate SE; Propyl Gallate; Propylparaben; 17 Pyricarbate; Pyridoxine Dicaprylate; Pyridoxine Dilaurate; Pyridoxine Dioctenoate; 18 Pyridoxine Dipalmitate; Pyridoxine Glycyrrhetinate; Pyridoxine Tripalmitate; Raffinose 19 Myristate; Raffinose Oleate; Resorcinol Acetate; Retinyl Acetate; Retinyl Linoleate; Retinyl 20 Palmitate; Retinyl Propionate; Riboflavin Tetraacetate; Ribonolaclone; Rosin Acrylate; 21 Siloxanetriol Phytate; Silybum Marianum Ethyl Ester; Sodium Behenoyl Lactylate; Sodium 22 Butylparaben; Sodium Caproyl Lactylate; Sodium Cocoyl Lactylate; Sodium Dilaureth-7

Citrate: Sodium Ethylparaben; Sodium Ethyl 2-Sulfolaurate; Sodium Isostearoyl Lactylate; 1 Sodium Laureth-7 Tartrate; Sodium Lauroyl Lectylate; Sodium Methylparaben; Sodium 2 Methyl 2-Sulfolaurate; Sodium Oleoyl Lactylate; Sodium Panteheine Sulfonate; Sodium 3 Phytate; Sodium Propylparaben; Sodium Stearoyl Lactylate; Sorbeth-2 Cocoate; Sorbeth-6 4 Hexastearate; Sorbeth-3 Isostearate; Sorbityl Acetate; Soybean Palmitate; Soy Sterol Acetate; 5 Stearamide DEA-Distearate; Stearamide DIBA-Stearate; Stearamide MEA-Stearate; Steareth-5 6 Stearate: Stearoyl Lactylic Acid; Stearyl Acetate; Stearyl Acetyl Glutamate; Stearyl Beeswax; 7 Stearyl Behenate; Stearyl Benzoate; Stearyl Caprylate; Stearyl Citrate; Stearyl Erucate; Stearyl 8 Glycol Isostearate; Stearyl Glycyrrhetinate; Stearyl Heptanoate; Stearyl Lactate; Stearyl 9 Linoleate; Stearyl Octanoate; Stearyl Stearate; Stearyl Stearoyl Stearate; Sucrose Acetate 10 Isobutyrate; Sucrose Benzoate; Sucrose Cocoate; Sucrose Dilaurate; Sucrose Distearate; 11 Sucrose Laurate; Sucrose Myristate; Sucrose Octaacetate; Sucrose Oleate; Sucrose Palmitate; 12 Sucrose Polybehenate; Sucrose Polycottonseedate; Sucrose Polylaurate; Sucrose Polylinoleate; 13 Sucrose Polypalmate; Sucrose Polysoyate; Sucrose Polystearate; Sucrose Ricinoleate; Sucrose 14 Stearate; Sucrose Tetrastearate Triacetate; Sucrose Tribehenate; Sucrose Tristearate; Tallowoyl 15 Ethyl Glucoside: Tannic Acid; TEA-Lauroyl Lactylate; Telmesteine; Terpineol Acetate; 16 Tetrabutyl Phenyl Hydroxybenzoate; Tetradecyleicosyl Stearate; Tetrahexyldecyl Ascorbate; 17 Tetrahydrofurfuryl Acetate; Tetrahydrofurfuryl Ricinoleate; Tocophersolan; Tocopheryl 18 Acetate: Tocopheryl Linoleate; Tocopheryl Linoleate/Oleate; Tocopheryl Nicotinate; 19 20 Tocopheryl Succinate: Tributyl Citrate; Tri-C12-13 Alkyl Citrate; Tri-C14-15 Alkyl Citrate; Tricaprylyl Citrate: Tridecyl Behenate: Tridecyl Cocoate: Tridecyl Erucate: Tridecyl 21 Isononanoate; Tridecyl Laurate; Tridecyl Myristate; Tridecyl Neopentanoate; Tridecyl 22

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Octanoate; Tridecyl Stearate; Tridecyl Stearoyl Stearate; Tridecyl Trimellitate; Triethyl Citrate; Triethylene Glycol hydrogenated Rosinate; Trihexyldecyl Citrate; Triisocetyl Citrate; Triisopropyl Citrate; Triisopropyl Trilinoleate; Triisostearyl Citrate; Triisostearyl Trilinoleate; Trilactin; Trilauryl Citrate; Trimethylolpropane Tricaprylate/Tricaprate; Trimethylolpropane Tricocoate; Trimethylolpropane Trilaurate; Trimethylalpropane Trioctanoate; Trimethylolpropane Tristearate; Trimethyl Pentanyl Diisobutyrate; Trioctyl Citrate; Trioctyldodecyl Borate; Trictyl Trimellitate; Trioleyl Citrate; TriPABA Panthenol; Tripropylene Glycol Citrate; Tristearyl Citrate; Tristearyl Phosphate; Vinyl Acetate; and Yeast Palmitate.

In addition to esters, alcohols may be gelled to form a gelled alcohol by using a diblock copolymer, a triblock copolymer, a star polymer, a radial polymer, a multi-block copolymer, and mixtures thereof. Suitable alcohols also may be gelled by alkyl galactomannan, polybutadiene, or other aforementioned polymers. Any alcohols as represented by the following formula may be gelled in embodiments of the invention.

R—OH

where R represents any organic functional group which includes, but is not limited to, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, and alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, substituted phenyl, etc. Preferred alcohols include, but are not limited to, isostearyl alcohol, and octyl dodecanol. Other suitable alcohols include, but are not limited to, Abietyl Alcohol; Arachidyl Alcohol; Batyl Alcohol; Behenyl Alcohol; Benzyl Alcohol; Bishydroxyethyl Biscetyl Malonamide; Borneol; 2-t-Butylcyclohexyloxybutanol; Butyloctanol; C9-11 Alcohol; C12-13 Alcohol; C12-

1 15 Alcohol; C12-16 Alcohol; C14-15 Alcohol; C-20-40 Alcohols; C30-50 Alcohols; C40-60 2 Alcohols; C18-38 Alkyl Hydroxystearoyl Stearate; Camphylcyclohexanol; Caproyl 3 Sphingosine; Caprylic Alcohol; Caprylyl Glycol; CD Alcohol 19; Ceramide 1; Ceramide 2; 4 Cermide 3; Ceramide 4; Ceramide 5; Ceramide 1A; Ceramide 6 II; Cetearyl Alcohol; Cetyl 5 Alcohol; Cetylarachidol; Cetyl Glycol; C9-13 Fluoroalcohol; C14-18 Glycol; C15-18 Glycol; 6 C18-30 Glycol; C20-30 Glycol; Chimyl Alcohol; Chlorphenesin; Cholecleiferol; Cholesterol; 7 Cinnamyl Alcohol; Citronellol; Coconut Alcohol; Decyl Alcohol; Decyltetradecanol; 7-8 Dehydrocholesterol; Dichlorobenzyl Alcohol; Dihydrocholesterol; Dihydrolanosterol; 9 Dihydroxyacetone; Dihydroxyethylamino Hydroxypropyl Oleate; 2,6-Dimethyl-7-Octen-2-ol; 10 Dimethyl Octynediol; Dimethyl Phenylpropanol; Dodecylhexadecanol; Dodecyltetradecanol; 11 Ergocalciferol; Ethyl Hexanediol; Farnesol; Galactonolactone; Geraniol; Glycyrrhetinic Acid; 12 Glycyrrhizic Acid; Heptylundecanol; Hexacosyl Glycol; 3-Hexenol; Hexyl Alcohol; 13 Hexyldecanol; Hexyldecyloctadecanol; Hexylene Glycol; Hinokitiol; Hydroabietyl Alcohol; 14 Hydrogenated Ethylbicycloneplane Guaiacol; Hydrogenated Tallow Alcohol; Hydrolyzed 15 Glycyrrhizinate; Hydroxycapric Acid; Hydroxycaproyl Phytosphingosine; Hydroxycaprylic 16 Acid; Hydroxycapryloyl Phytosphingosine; Hydroxyethyl Palmityl Oxyhydroxypropyl 17 Palmitamide; Hydroxylauric Acid; Hydroxylauroyl Phytosphingosine; Hydroxymethyl 18 Dioxoazabicyclooctane; Hydroxyproline; Hydroxystearyl Cetyl Ether; Jojoba Alcohol; Lactoyl 19 Phytosphingosine; Lanolin Alcohol; Lauryl Alcohol; Lauryl Glycol; Linalool; p-Menthan-7-ol; 20 Menthol; Menthone Glycerin Acetal; 3-Methylamino-4-Nitrophenoxyethanol; Methyl 21 Glycyrrhiziate; Methylsilanol Hydroxyproline; Myricyl Alcohol; Myristyl Alcohol; Nicotinyl 22 Alcohol; Nicotinyl Tartrate; 3-Nitro-4-Aminophenoxyethanol; Octacosanyl Glycol:

Octoxyglycerin; Octoxyglyceryl Behenate: Octyldodecanol; 2-Oeamido-1,3-Octadecanediol; Oleyl Alcohol; Palm Alcohol; Palm Kernel Alcohol; Palmitamidohexadecanediol; Panthenol; Panthenyl Ethyl Ether; Panthenyl Hydroxypropyl Steardimonium Chloride; Pentadecyl Alcohol; Pentylene Glycol; Phenethyl Alcohol; Phenoxyethanol; Phenoxyisopropanol; Phenylisohexanol; Phenylpropanol; Phytosphingosine; Polyvinyl Alcohol; Propanediol; Propyl Alcohol: Propylene Glycol: Pyridoxine Glycyrrhetinate; Retinol; Ribonolactone; N-Stearoyl-Dihydroshingosine; Stearyl Alcohol; Stearyl Glycol; Tallow Alcohol; Terpineol; Tetradecyleicosanol; Tetradecyloctadecanol; Tetrahydrofurfuryl Alcohol; Tetramethyl Cyclopentene Butenol; Tetramethyl Decynediol; Tridecyl Alcohol; Trimethylhexanol; 10 Troxerutin; Undeceth-3; Undecylenyl Alcohol; and Undecylpentadecanol.

Numerous ethers also may be gelled to form gelled ether compositions by using a diblock copolymer, triblock copolymer, star polymer, radial polymer, multi-block copolymer, or mixtures thereof. Suitable ethers also may be gelled by alkyl galactomannan, polybutadiene, or other aforementioned polymers. Generally, an ether compound is represented by the following formula:

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where R and R' individually include, but are not limited to, hydrocarbyl, phenyl. methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, substituted phenyl, etc. Preferred ethers include, but are not limited to, dicarylyl ether and octyl methoxycinnamate. Dicarylyl either is represented by the following chemical formula.

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Other suitable ethers include, but are not limited to, Anethole; p-Anisic Acid; Batyl Alcohol; Batyl Isostearate; Batyl Stearate; Benzylhemiformal; 1,3-Bis-(2,4-Diaminophenoxy) propane; Butoxyethyl Acetate; Butoxyethyl Nicotinate; Butoxyethyl Stearate; Butoxypropanol; 2-t-Butylcyclohexyloxybutanol; Butyl Glucoside; Butylglucoside Caprate: Butvl Methoxydibenzoylmethane; Caprylyl/Capryl Glucoside; Capsaicin; Carboxymethyl Chitin; Carboxymethyl Chitosan Succinamide; Carboxymethyl Dextran; Cetearyl Glucoside; Cetyl Glyceryl Ether; Cetyl-PG Hydroxyethyl Decanamide; Cetyl-PG Hydroxyethyl Palmitamide; Chimyl Alcohol; Chimyl Isostearate; Chimyl Stearate; Chlorphenesin; Cinoxate; Cocamidopropyl Lauryl Ether; Coceth-4 Glucoside; Coco-Glucoside; Dibenzylidene Sorbitol; Dicetyl Ether; Dichlorophenyl Imidazoidioxolan; Dimethicone Copolyol Butyl Ether; Dimethicone Copolyol Ethyl Ether; Dimethicone Copolyol Methyl Ether; Dimethyl Hexahydronaphthyl Dihydroxymethyl Acetal; Dimethyl Isosorbide: Dioleyl Tocopheryl Methylsilanol; Diosmine; Disodium Cetyl Phenyl Ether Disulfonate; Disodium Decyl Phenyl Ether Disulfonate; Disodium Lauryl Phenyl Ether Disulfonate; Distarch Glyceryl Ether: Distearyl Ether: Ethoxydiglycol Acetate: Ethoxyheptyl Bicvclooctanone: Ethylbicyclooxazolidine; Ethyl Methoxycinnamate; Ethyl Methylphenylglycidate; Ethyl Acetal: Eucalyptol: Eugenol; Ferulic Acid: Glyceryl Octanoate Dimethoxycinnamate; Glycofurol; Hexamethylindanopyran; Hexamidine; Hexamidine Diparaben; Hexamidine Paraben; Hydrogenated Ethylbicycloheptane Guaiacol; p-

Hydroxydecyl Maltitol; Hydroxyethyl Glyceryl Oleate/Stearate: Hydroxyanisole; 1 Oxyhydroxypropyl Palmitamide; Hvdroxyethyl Palmityl 2 Hydroxyethyl Hydroxymethoxybenzyl Pelargonamide; Hydroxypropyl Starch Phosphate; Hydroxystearyl 3 Cetyl Ether; Isobutyl Methyl Tetrahydropyranol; Isoeugenol; Isolongifolene Epoxide; 4 Isopropyl Hydroxycetyl Ether; Isostearamidopropyl Epoxypropyl Dimonium Chloride; 5 Isostearyl Glyceryl Ether; Isostearyl Glyceryl Pentaerythrityl Ether; Lauryl Polyglyceryl-6 6 Cetearyl Glycol Ether; Melatonin; Menthone Glycerin Acetal; Methoxylndane; 7 Methoxyisopropyl Acetate; Methoxymethylbutanol; Methoxypropylgluconamide; Methylal; 8 Ethyl Eugenol; Methyl Hexyl Ether; Methylsilanol Ascorbate; Myristyl-PG Hydroxyethyl 9 Decanamide; 4-Nitroguaiacol; Octoxyglycerin; Octoxyglyceryl Behenate; Octoxyglyceryl 10 Palmitate; Octyl Glyceryl Palmitate; Oleyl Glyceryl Ether; Panthenyl Ethyl Ether; Panthenyl 11 Ethyl Ether Acetate; Panthenyl Hydroxypropyl Steardimonium Chloride; PEG-3 2,2-Di-p-12 Phenylenediamine; PEG-4 Ditallow Ether; PEG-150 Pentaerythrityl Tetrastearate; p-13 Phenetidine; Phenoxyethanol; Phenoxyethylparaben; Phenoxyisopropanol; Polyglycerin-3; 14 Polyglycerin-4; Polyglycerin-6; Polyglycerin-10; Polyglyceryl-3 Cetyl Ether; Polyglyceryl-3 15 Decyltetradecyl Ether; Polyglyceryl-3 Hydroxylauryl Ether; Polyglyceryl-2 Lanolin Alcohol 16 Ether; Polyglyceryl-4 Lauryl Ether; Polyglyceryl-2 Oleyl Ether; Polyglyceryl-4 Oleyl Ether; 17 Polyglyceryl Sorbitol; Polyvinyl Methyl Ether; Polyvinyl Stearyl Ether; PPG-9 Diglyceryl 18 Ether; PPG-1-PEG-9 Lauryl Glycol Ether; Propylene Glycol Myristyl Ether; Quassin; 19 Silanetriol Trehalose Ether; TEA-Lauryl Ether; Tetrahydrodiferuloyimethane; Thiodiglycol; 20 Triclosan; Triethylene Glycol; Trihydroxypalmitamidohydroxypropyl Myristyl Ether; 21 Trimethoxycaprylylsilane; Troxerutin; and Ubiquinone. 22

Embodiments of the invention may also be used to obtain gelled natural products, such as naturally-occurring fats and oils. "Naturally-occurring fats and oils" often refer to the glyceryl esters of fatty acids (i.e., triglycerides) normally found in animal or plant tissues, including those which have been hydrogenated to reduce or eliminate unsaturation. Natually occurring fats and oils include vegetable oils. Selected naturally-occurring fats and oils are represented by the following formula:

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9  $CH_2-O-C-R$ 
10 O  $\parallel$ 
11  $CH_2-O-C-R'$ 
12 O  $\parallel$ 
13  $CH_3-O-C-R''$ 

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where R, R' and R" may be the same or different fatty acid radicals.

Suitable naturally-occurring fats and oils that may be gelled by using a diblock copolymer, triblock copolymer, star polymer, radial polymer, multi-block copolymer or mixtures thereof. Suitable naturally-occurring fats and oils also may be gelled by alkyl galactomannan, polybutadiene, or other aforementioned polymers. Examples of the suitable naturally-occurring fats and oils include, but are not limited to, Adansonla Digitata Oil; Apricot (Prunus Armeniaca) Kernel Oil; Argania Spinosa Oil; Argemone Mexicana Oil;

Avocado (Persea Gratissima) Oil; Babassu (Orbignya Olelfera) Oil; Balm Mint (Melissa 1 Officinalis) Seed Oil; Bitter Almond (Prunus Amygdalus Amara) Oil; Bitter Cherry (Prunus 2 Cerasus) Oil; Black Currant (Ribes Nigrum) Oil; Borage (Borago Officinalis) Seed Oil; Brazil 3 (Bertholletia Excelsa) Nut Oil; Burdock (Arctium Lappa) Seed Oil; Butter; C12-18 Acid 4 Triglyceride; Calophyllum Tacamahaca Oil; Camellia Kissi Oil; Camellia Oleifera Seed Oil; 5 Canola Oil; Caprylic/Capric/Lauric Triglyceride; Caprylic/Capric/Linoleic Triglyceride; 6 Caprylic/Capric/Stearic Triglyceride; Triglyceride; Caprylic/Capric/Myristic/Stearic 7 Caprylic/Capric Triglyceride; Caraway (Carum Carvi) Seed Oil; Carrot (Daucus Carota 8 Sativa) Oil; Cashew (Anacardium Occidentale) Nut Oil; Castor Oil Benzoate; Castor (Ricinus 9 Communis) Oil; Cephalins; Chaulmoogra (Taraktogenos Kurzii) Oil, Chia (Salvia Hispanica) 10 Oil; Cocoa (Theobrama Cocao) Butter; Coconut (Cocos Nucifera) Oil; Cod Liver Oil; Coffee 11 (Coffea Arabica) Oil; Corn (Zea Mays) Germ Oil; Corn (Zea Mays) Oil; Cottonseed 12 (Gossypium) Oil; C10-18 Triglycerides; Cucumber (Cucumis Sativus) Oil; Dog Rose (Rosa 13 Canina) Hips Oil; Egg Oil; Emu Oil; Epoxidized Soybean Oil; Evening Primrose (Oenothera 14 Biennis) Oil; Fish Liver Oil; Gevuina Avellana Oil; Glyceryl Triacetyl Hydroxystearate; 15 Glyceryl Triacetyl Ricinoleate; Glycolipids; Glycosphingolipids; Goat Butter; Grape (Vitis 16 Vinifera) Seed Oil; Hazel (Croylus Americana) Nut Oil; Hazel (Corylus Aveilana) Nut Oil; 17 Human Placental Lipids; Hybrid Safflower (Carthamus Tinctorius) Oil; Hybrid Sunflower 18 (Helianthus Annuus) Seed Oil; Hydrogenated Canola Oil; Hydrogenated Castor Oil; 19 Hydrogenated Castor Oil Laurate; Hydrogenated Castor Oil Triisostearate; Hydrogenated 20 Coconut Oil; Hydrogenated Cottonseed Oil; Hydrogenated C12-18 Triglycerides; 21 Hydrogenated Fish Oil; Hydrogenated Lard; Hydrogenated Menhaden Oil; Hydrogenated Milk 22

1 Lipids; Hydrogenated Mink Oil; Hydrogenated Olive Oil; Hydrogenated Orange Roughy Oil; 2 Hydrogenated Palm Kernel Oil; Hydrogenated Palm Oil; Hydrogenated Peanut Oil; 3 Hydrogenated Rapeseed Oil; Hydrogenated Shark Liver Oil; Hydrogenated Soybean Oil; 4 Hydrogenated Tallow; Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil; Isatis Tinctoria Oil; Job's Tears (Coix Lacryma-Jobi) Oil; Kiwi (Actinidia Chinensis) Seed Oil; Kukui (Aleurites Moluccana) Nut 5 6 Oil; Lard; Lauric/Palmitic/Oleic Triglyceride; Linseed (Linum Usitatissiumum) Oil; Lupin 7 (Lupinus Albus) Oil; Macadamia Ternifolia Nut Oil; Maleated Soybean Oil; Mango 8 (Mangifera Indica) Seed Oil; Marmot Oil; Meadowfoam (Limnanthes Alba) Seed Oil; 9 Menhaden Oil; Milk Lipids; Mink Oil; Moringa Pterygosperma Oil; Mortierella Oil; Musk 10 Rose (Rosa Moschata) Seed Oil; Neatsfoot Oil; Neem (Melia Azadirachta) Seed Oil; Oat 11 (Avena Sativa) Kernel Oil; Oleic/Linoleic Triglyceride; Oleic/Palmitic/Lauric/Myristic/Linoleic Triglyceride; Oleostearine; Olive (Olea Europaea) 12 13 Husk Oil; Olive (Olea Europaea) Oil; Omental Lipdis; Orange Roughy Oil; Ostrich Oil; 14 Oxidized Corn Oil; Palm (Elaeis Guineensis) Kernel Oil; Palm (Elaeis Guineensis) Oil; 15 Passionflower (Passiflora Edulis) Oil; Peach (Prunus Persica) Kernel Oil; Peanut (Arachis 16 Hypogaea) Oil; Pecan (Carya Illinoensis) Oil; Pengawar Djambi (Cibotium Barometz) Oil; 17 Phospholipids; Pistachio (Pistacia Vera) Nut Oil; Placental Lipids; Poppy (Papaver Orientale) 18 Oil; Pumpkin (Cucurbita Pepo) Seed Oil; Quinoa (Chenopodium Quinoa) Oil; Rapeseed <u>`</u>19 (Brassica Campestris) Oil; Rice (Oryza Sativa) Bran Oil; Rice (Oryza Sativa) Germ Oil; ່ 20 Safflower (Carthamus Tinctorius) Oil; Salmon Oil; Sandalwood (Santalum Album) Seed Oil; 21 Seabuchthorn (Hippophae Rhamnoides) Oil; Sesame (Sesamum Indicum) Oil; Shark Liver Oil; 22 Shea Butter (Butyrospermum Parkii); Silk Worm Lipids; Skin Lipids; Soybean (Glycine Soja)

Oil; Soybean Lipid; Sphingolipids; Sunflower (Helianthus Annuus) Seed Oil; Sweet Almond (Prunus Amygdalus Dulcis) Oil; Sweet Cherry (Prunus Avium) Pit Oil; Tali Oil; Taliow; Tea Tree (Melaleuca Alternifolia) Oil; Telphairia Pedata Oil; Tomato (Solanum Lycopersicum) Oil; Triarachidin; Tribehenin; Tricaprin; Tricaprylin; Trichodesma Zeylanicum Oil; Trierucin; Triheptanoin; Triheptylundecanoin; Trihydroxymethoxystearin; Trihydroxystearin; Triisononanoin; Triisopalmitin; Triisostearin; Trilaurin; Trilinolein; Triilinolenin; Trimyristin; Trioctanoin; Triolein; Tripalmitin; Tripalmitolein; Triricinolein; Trisebacin; Tristearin; Triundecanoin; Tuna Oil; Vegetable Oil; Walnut (Juglans Regia) Oil; Wheat Bran Lipids; and Wheat (Triticum Vulgare) Germ Oil.

The gel compositions in accordance with embodiments of the invention may be obtained by the following method. First, one or more compounds to be gelled are mixed with a gelling agent. Second, the mixture typically is heated to a temperature in the range of about 70° C. to about 140° C, although other temperatures also are acceptable. The mixture is agitated until a homogeneous mixture is obtained. The homogeneous mixture is then cooled to room temperature. A gel composition is thus obtained. It is noted that the compound to be gelled need not be mixed with a gelling agent before heating. Instead, the compound may be heated to a desired temperature first, and then the gelling agent is added to the compound.

The following examples are given to illustrate embodiments of the invention. They are merely exemplary and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention otherwise described herein. All numerical values disclosed herein are approximate numbers. In some examples, an antioxidant was added in an amount of about 0.02%. Any antioxidants can be used. One

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suitable antioxidant is 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol ("BHT").

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3	EXAMPLE 1
4	A sample of gelled isopropyl myristate (available under the trade name of Estol 1512,
5	Lexol IPM, etc.) was prepared (85.28 wt. % isopropyl myristate + 14.30 wt. % Kraton G
6	1702 + 0.40 wt. % Kraton G 1650). The finished gel exhibited excellent clarity and had a
7	Brookfield viscosity (5 rpm, spindle T-C) of 157,000 CPS at 25° C.
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9	EXAMPLE 2
10	A sample of gelled octyl methoxycinnamate (trade names: Parsol MCX, Escalol 557,
11	Neo Heliopan AV) was prepared (87.58 wt. % octyl methoxycinnamate + 12.00 wt. %
12	Kraton G 1701 + 0.40 wt. % Kraton G 1650). The finished gel was clear and stable through
13	several freeze/thaw cycles.
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15	EXAMPLE 3
16	A sample of zinc oxide suspension in gelled octyl methoxycinnamate was prepared by

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21 <u>EXAMPLE 4</u>

stability without separation for 15 days under thermal stress.

A sample of gelled propylene glycol dicaprylate/caprate (trade name: Estol 1526) was

using 50.00 wt. % of zinc oxide and 50.00 wt. % of the gelled octyl methoxycinnamate

illustrated in Example 2. The finished suspension had good consistency and maintained

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embodiments of the invention.

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1 prepared (87.58 wt. % propylene glycol dicaprylate/caprate + 12.00 wt. % Kraton G 1780 + 0.40 wt. % Kraton G 1650). The gel was clear at ambient temperature. 2 3 4 EXAMPLE 5 A sample of gelled isostearyl neopentanoate (trade name: Dermol 185) was prepared 5 (85.58 wt. % isostearyl neopentanoate + 14.00 wt. % Septon 1001 + 0.40 wt. % Kraton G 6 *-* 7 1650). The finished gel was clear and stable without syneresis. 8 9 EXAMPLE 6 10 Jojoba oil gel was prepared (91.28% jojoba oil + 0.4% Kraton G 1650 + 8.3% Kraton 11 G 1702). The gel was clear and viscous. 12 13 EXAMPLE 7 14 Eicosyl erucate (trade name: Erucical EG-20) gel was prepared (91.28% Erucical EG-15 20 + 0.4% Kraton G 1650 + 8.3% Kraton G 1702). The gel was clear and stable without 16 syneresis. 17 In addition to the above examples of gel compositions, various other gel compositions 18 also were obtained. Tables 3-6 summarize the gel compositions obtained in accordance with 1 TABLE 3

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INCI Name	Ester (wt.%)	Kraton° G1650	Kraton° G1702	Kraton <sup>®</sup> G1701	Kraton° G1780	Septon* 1001	Kraton <sup>e</sup> FG1901	Kraton° G1652
Isopropyl	85.28	0.4	14.3					
Myristate	90.58	0.4	9.00					_
	87.58	0.4	12.00					
Isopropyl Palmitate	89.58	0.4	10.00					
	85.58	0.4	14.00					
	83.58	0.4	16.00					
C12-15 Alkyl	87.58	0.4	12.00					
Benzoate	87.98		12.00					
	89.58	0.4	10.00					
	89.98	10.00						
	89.58	0.40	10.00					
	83.58	0.40	16.00					
Octyl	85.58	0.40	14.00					
Methoxycinnamate	81.58	0.40	12.00					
•	83.58	0.40		16.00				
	87.58	0.40		12.00				
	85.58	0.40		14.00				
	89.58	0.40		10.00				
Octyl Dodecyl Neopentanoate	81.98			12.00	<del></del>			
Isostearyl	85.58	0.40				14,00		
Neonentanoate	81.98			12.00				
Tridecyl Salicylate	87.58	0.40	12.00					
	91.28	0.4	8.30					
	89.58	0.4		10.00				
	88.89			6.67			4.44	
Octyl Dodecanol	90.00		5.48				4.5	
•	90.00		5.45					4.5
	87.58		12.00	T				
	89.58		10.00					
Propylene Glycol Dicaprylate/caprate	87.58				12.00			
Jojoba Oil	91.28	0.4	8.30					

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TABLE 4

	Polymer Type	Ester (%)	Polymer (%)	Antioxidant (%)
1,2-benzene-	Vector® 6030	91.98	8	0.02
dicarboxylic acid, di-	Vector® 8550	91.98	8	0.02
C <sub>8-10</sub> br alkyl ester	Vector® 2518P	91.98	8	0.02
	Solprene® S200	91.98	8	0.02
1,2 benzene- dicarboxylic acid, di- undecyl ester	Vector® 6030	91.98	8	0.02

TABLE 5

Oil Type	Polymer Type	Oil (%)	Polymer (%)	Antioxidant (%)
Sunflower Seed Oil	Kraton® D1102	91.9	8	0.10
	Kraton® D1133	91.9	8	0.10
	Kraton® D1101	91.9	8	0.10
	Vector® 6030	91.9	8	0.10
Com Oil	Vector® 6030	91.9	8	0.10
Sesame Oil	Vector® 6030	91.9_	8	0.10
Soybean Oil	Kraton® D1101	89.90	10	0.10
•	Kraton® D1102	85.98	14	0.02
	Vector® 6030	91.90_	8	0.10
Linseed Oil	Kraton® D1102	85.90	14	0.10
	Vector® 6030	91.90	8	0.10

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Oil Type	Oil (%)	Isopropyl Palmitate (%)	Alkyl Galactomannan (%)	Antioxidant (%)
Sunflower	46.99	46.99	6.0	0.02
Seed	44.99	44.99	10.0	0.02
Oil	75.18	18.8	6.0	0.02
	71.95	18.0	10.0	0.05
Corn Oil	75.1	18.8	6.0	0.10
00	71.9	18.0	10.0	0.10
Soybean Oil	75.1	18.8	6.0	0.10
20,000	71.9	18.0	10.0	0.10
Sesame Oil	68.9	25.0	6.0	0.10
	65.31	25.5	9.1	0.09
Olive Oil	68.9	25.0	6.0	0.10
	65.9	25.0	9.0	0.10

EXAMPLE 8

An *in-vivo* test was conducted to evaluate the waterproof efficacy of a sunscreen lotion based on a gelled ester composition. The *in-vivo* test procedure was conducted in accordance with the FDA monographs for sunscreen testing published in *Federal Register*, Vol. 43, No. 166, August 25, 1978. Briefly, a finished sunscreen lotion was applied to a skin surface which was subsequently submerged in water. Before water immersion, the sun protection factor ("SPF") was measured. After eighty minutes of water immersion, the SPF value was measured again. The percentage of the remaining SPF is indicative of the waterproof efficacy of the sunscreen lotion.

In this example, two sunscreen lotions were prepared according to Table 7. Both lotions contained approximately the same amount of a sunscreen active ingredient, i.e., octyl methoxycinnamate ("OMC"). Sunscreen Lotion A included gelled OMC, whereas Sunscreen Lotion B included neat OMC. Both sunscreen lotions contained approximately the same amounts of other ingredients as indicated in Table 7.

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Ingredient	Sunscreen Lotion A	Sunscreen Lotion B
De-ionized water	45.74	45.74
Tetra sodium EDTA	0.10	0.10
Proplyene Glycol	2.50	2.50
Carbopol 940 (2% solution)	25.00	25.00
DEA-cetyl phosphate	1.00	1.00
Cetearyl Alcohol and Ceteareth 20	1.50	1.50
Mineral oil		1.26
Octyl Methoxycinnamate		7.50
Octyl Methoxycinnamate + Hydrogenated Ethylene/propylene/ styrene copolymers + Hydrogenated Butylene/ethylene/styrene copolymers	8.76	
Dimethicone	2.00	2.00
Diisodecyl Adipate	7.00	7.00
C <sub>12-15</sub> Alkyl Benzoate	5.00	5.00
Triethanol amine	0.40	0.40
Diazolidinyl urea + propylene glycol + methylparaben + propylparaben	1.00	1.00
Remaining SPF after 80 min. water immersion	84%	69%

After eighty minutes of water immersion, the remaining SPF for Sunscreen Lotion A was about 84% of the pre-immersion SPF. As to Sunscreen Lotion B, the remaining SPF was about 69% of its pre-immersion SPF. Therefore, the test result indicates that inclusion of a gelled sunscreen active ingredient increases the waterproof efficacy of the sunscreen lotion.

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1 <u>EXAMPLE 9</u>

This example shows that gelled esters are comparable to petrolatum as an occlusive agent.

An *in-vivo* skin barrier test was utilized to evaluate a gelled ester's ability to enhance the barrier function of the stratum corneum of human skin. Three different ester gels were formulated and evaluated in this test. Their respective formulations are listed in Table 8.

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TABLE 8

Anti-Sample Intermediate Ester Kraton Kraton Kraton oxidant G1701 G1650 G1701 (wt.%) (%) (wt.%) (wt.%) (wt.%) 0.02 14.00 0.40 85.58 C<sub>12-15</sub> Alkyl Gel No. 1 Benzoate 12.00 0.40 0.02 87.58 Isopropyl Palmitate Gel No. 2 14.00 0.02 85.58 0.40 Octyl Gel No. 3 Methoxycinnamate

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An independent laboratory conducted Trans-Epidermal Water Loss ("TEWL") testing using the above gel compositions. Thirteen subjects were employed. TEWL measurements were taken on each subject at baseline and at 1, 2, and 3 hours after the application of a test material. A Servomed Evaporimeter was used to measure the effectiveness of a topically applied test material. The evaporimeter samples relative humidity at two points above the skin surface which allowed the rate of water loss to be calculated from the measured humidity gradient. Petrolatum also was included in the measurements. The data obtained from the TEWL measurements are presented in Table 9.

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Note:  $\Delta\%$  = (Baseline - Mean)\*100/ Baseline.

Test Material	Baseline	Hour 1		Hour 2		Hour 3	
		mean	Δ%	mean	Δ%	mean	Δ%
Gel No. 1	7.07	5.47	22.6%	5.44	23.1%	5.26	25.6%
Gel No. 2	6.66	5.37	19.4%	5.14	22.8%	4.72	29.1%
Gel No. 3	6.76	5.79	14.3%	5.49	18.8%	5.25	22.3%
Petrolatum	6.64	4.64	30.1%	4.28	35.5%	4.13	37.8%

The data indicate that all three gelled esters are effective in retaining moisture in the skin. Consequently, gelled esters can be used as an occlusive agent in various health and beauty aid compositions.

EXAMPLE 10

This example shows that a gelled composition has significantly higher loading capacity as a suspension system. To compare the loading capacity of gelled soybean oil with that of neat soybean oil, two experiments were conducted: about 3 grams coated TiO<sub>2</sub> powder were suspended in about 97 grams of neat soybean oil; and about 50 grams of the same coated TiO<sub>2</sub> powder were suspended in 50 grams of gelled soybean oil. No dispersant agent was used in either suspension system. The gelled soybean oil was made from the following formulation: about 85.9 wt.% of commercially available soybean oil and about 14 wt.% of Kraton® D1102. It was observed that only about 2 wt.% of TiO<sub>2</sub> remained suspended in the neat soybean oil. In contrast, about 50 wt.% of TiO<sub>2</sub> was suspended in the gelled soybean oil. It is surprising that the loading capacity of gelled soybean oil is about 25 times more than that of neat soybean oil. The increased loading capacity by using a gelled naturally-occurring fat or oil should result in improved performance and cost savings.

Accordingly, the gel compositions in accordance with embodiments of the invention have numerous cosmetic and industrial applications. The gel compositions may be used alone or in combination with one or more additional ingredients. For example, the gel compositions are suitable as lubricants, suspending agents, emulsion stabilizers, thickening agents, personal care ingredients, air freshener components, pesticide and insecticide components, ingredients for candle and ornamental products, pharmaceutical carriers and carrier ingredients, ointment base ingredients, sporting goods, and vehicles for carrying other materials. Since esters are generally considered as biodegradable materials, this allows gelled esters to find application in products where minimal pollution is desired. Examples include fishing line lubricant, solder flux, agricultural dust reduction and lubrication, textile coating, protective coating for transporting fragile or environmentally-sensitive materials, and biodegradable oils and greases.

It has been discovered that the gel compositions in accordance with embodiments of the invention keep solids and/or liquids substantially uniformly suspended and evenly dispersed over a substantial period of time. The suspended liquids and/or solids may be present in the gel in amounts of up to about 95 weight percent. Suitable solids and/or liquids that can be suspended in the gel include any solid or non-hydrocarbon oil liquid which will disperse into the gel and remain substantially suspended or evenly dispersed therein.

Examples of suitable solids include, but are not limited to, zinc oxide, coated zinc oxide, surface-treated zinc oxide, titanium dioxide, coated titanium dioxide, surface-treated titanium dioxide, phosphorescent substances, fluorescent materials, molybdenum oxide, zinc sulfide, copper-dopped zinc sulfide, graphite, explosive materials, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, plasticizers; air sensitive chemicals, moisture sensitive chemicals, boron nitride, iron

oxides, talc, mica, plastics, polymers, silica, silicon dioxide, aluminum oxide, inorganic materials, organometallic materials, metal particles, medical materials (such as antibacterials, antibiotics, antimicrobials, antifungals, and anesthetics), glass, clays, gums, capsules containing an active ingredient, starch, modified starch, other encapsulated materials, and mixtures thereof.

Examples of oil insoluble liquids which can be suspended in the gels include, but are not limited to, water, water containing one or more water soluble materials, glycerin, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, alcohols, acids, surfactants, emulsifiers, polyglycerols, ethers, polar esters, fluorinated compounds, perfluoropolyethers, silicones, silicon-containing compounds, and the mixtures thereof.

Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/007,838, entitled "Hydrocarbon Gels as Suspending and the Dispersing Agents and Products," filed January 15, 1998, discloses methods of making a suspension system based on gelled hydrocarbons. The disclosed methods can be utilized in embodiments of the invention to make suspension systems which are based on gelled esters, gelled alcohols, gelled naturally-occurring fats and oils, or gelled ethers. The disclosure of the above-referenced patent application is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

The gel compositions in accordance with embodiments of the invention also have a wide spectrum of cosmetic applications when the gel compositions include an effective amount of one or more cosmetic and health and beauty aid ingredients. By "effective amount," it is meant that a sufficient amount of the ingredient is present to be effective for the indicated purpose in the composition. An effective amount may range from about 0.001 to about 80 wt.%. By "cosmetic and health and beauty aid ingredients," it is meant any material which can be applied topically to the human skin or any part thereof for cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness, and

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protecting or altering the appearance of the skin without altering or interfering with the physiological competence of the human skin or body. Included within this definition are creams, lotions, emollients, fragrance oils, moisturizers, human tanta, cosmetic oils, and so on. The gel

4 compositions in accordance with embodiments of the invention also may contain skin care

preservatives, diluents, surfactants, anti-wrinkle agents, and the like.

Furthermore, the gel compositions may be utilized to manufacture various over-the-counter ("OTC") products. An OTC product may be made entirely from a gel composition; or only a component of the OTC is made from the gel composition. Examples of OTC products include, but are not limited to, antiperspirants, lip balms, and sunscreen (e.g., natural sunblocks, such as submicron particles of metal oxides or synthetic sunblock agents, such as octyl methoxycinnamate and benzophenone-3).

As mentioned above, the gel composition in accordance with embodiments of the invention may be utilized as carrier vehicles for topical administration of various cosmetic and health and beauty aid materials to the skin. Thus, such materials can be incorporated into the gel which are applied to the skin to be absorbed, to form a film on the skin, to provide a cooling sensation, to treat dry skin or oily skin, to work a material into the skin, to alter the overall texture of the skin, or to change color. All of these effects are sought to be achieved by various health and beauty aid products. Methods for making such skin care products are known in the art. For example, U.S. Patent No. 5,558,872 discloses a clear gelled mineral oil based skin protectant. Similar skin protectants may be made by substituting the mineral oil gel by the gel compositions in accordance with embodiments of the invention. The disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 5,558,872 is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

It is noted that preferred uses of the gel compositions in accordance with embodiments of the invention include formation of thickened liquids, soft gels and semi-solid gels. Gels are particularly useful in waterproofing sunscreen compositions, makeup, mascara, etc. They also are useful in petrolatum-based products, such as petroleum jelly, makeup foundation, and night creams. They also can be used as substitutes for water-soluble polymers in products, such as lip rouge-cream, eyeliner liquid, and the like. They also may be used as a gelling agent in facial oil.

Semi-solid or solid gels have applications as toiletry sticks, such as a stick insect repellant or a matrix for clear or opaque stick products, which include deodorants, antiperspirants, lipsticks, analgesics, blushers, solid lotions and solid absorbable flexible gels. Methods for making such cosmetic sticks are known. For example, U.S. Patent No. 5,756,082 discloses a cosmetic stick composition based on a hydrocarbon oil gel. The disclosed hydrocarbon oil gels may be substituted by the gel compositions in accordance with embodiments of the invention to make cosmetic stick compositions. The disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 5,756,082 is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

As demonstrated above, the gel compositions in accordance with embodiments of the invention have a wide range of industrial and cosmetic applications. When so used, the gel compositions may exhibit one or more of the following properties or advantages: transparency; compatibility with active ingredients; reduction or elimination of syneresis; ability to act as a vehicle to provide a stable suspension of an ingredient; moisturization; enhancement of wash-off resistance; provision of improved SPF when formulated into sunscreen products; reduction in absorption and irritation; elimination or minimization of whitening effect; ability to act as a cosmetic base; controlled release of volatile ingredients; and formulation with less emulsifiers.

Other properties and advantages are apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

While the invention has been described with respect to a limited number of embodiments, modifications and variations therefrom exist. For example, although suitable esters, ethers, alcohols, and naturally-occurring fats and oils have been described with some depth, other compounds also can be used. Additional suitable esters may include alkoxylated fatty acids, glyceryl ethers, and sorbitan derivatives. Additional suitable alcohols may include alkanolamides, alkanolamines, fatty alcohols, polyols, phenols, and sterols. Additional suitable ethers include heterocyclic ethers, e.g., tocopherol, alkoxylated alcohols, alkoxylated amides, alkoxylated amines, alkoxylated carboxylic acids, polymeric ethers, and glyceryl ethers. Similarly, naturally-occurring fats and oils may include so-called "essential oils," which are volatile organic constituents of plants normally obtained by distillation. In addition to the above-described compounds, aldehydes and ketones also may be formed into gel compositions in accordance with embodiments of the invention. The appended claims are intended to encompass all such modifications and the variations as falling within the scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

- A gel composition, comprising: 1 1.
- an ester compound; and 2
- a polymer compound selected from the group consisting of triblock copolymers, star 3 polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof. 4
- The gel composition of claim 1, further comprising a diblock copolymer, 2. 1 wherein the gel composition is substantially free of mineral oils. 2
  - The gel composition of claim 1, wherein the ester is represented by the following formulas: 3.

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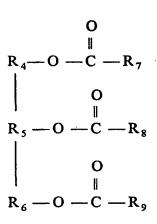
> wherein n=1, 2, 3, and 4, and R<sub>1</sub> includes hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, and substituted phenyl;

> R<sub>2</sub> includes hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, substituted phenyl, alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, and substituted phenylene.

> The gel composition of claim 1, wherein the ester is represented by the following formula: 4.

wherein R<sub>1</sub> includes hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, and substituted phenyl, and R3 includes alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, or substituted phenylene.

5. The gel composition of claim 1, wherein the ester is represented by the following formula:



wherein  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ , and  $R_6$  individually include alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, or substituted phenylene, and  $R_7$ ,  $R_8$  and  $R_9$  individually include hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, and substituted phenyl.

- The gel composition of claim 1, wherein the ester is selected from the group consisting of isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, C<sub>12</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> alkyl benzoate, octyl methoxycinnamate, octyl dodecyl neopentanoate, propylene glycol dicaprylate/caprate, jojoba oil, and isostearyl neopentanoate.
  - 7. The gel composition of claim 1, wherein the polymer compound is present in the amount of about 1% to about 40 % by weight.
  - 8. The gel composition of claim 2, wherein the diblock copolymer is selected from the group consisting of styrene-ethylene/propylene copolymers, styrene-ethylene/butadiene copolymers, styrene-isoprene copolymers, and styrene-butadiene copolymers.
  - 9. The gel composition of claim 1, wherein the triblock copolymer is selected from the group consisting of styrene-ethylene/propylene-styrene copolymers, styrene-ethylene/butadiene-styrene copolymers, styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymers, and styrene-butadiene-styrene copolymers.

- 1 10. The gel composition of claim 2, wherein the diblock copolymer is hydrogenated.
- 1 11. The gel composition of claim 1, wherein the triblock copolymer is hydrogenated.
- 1 12. The gel composition of claim 1, wherein the triblock copolymer includes a grafted
- 2 functional group.
- 1 13. The gel composition of claim 1, further comprising a suspended component.
- 1 14. The gel composition of claim 13, further comprising a diblock copolymer.
- 1 15. The gel composition of claim 13, wherein the suspended component is a solid selected
- 2 from the group consisting of organic materials, inorganic materials, organometallic materials,
- 3 phosphorescent materials, and fluorescent materials.
- 1 16. The gel composition of claim 13, wherein the suspended component is a solid selected
- 2 from the group consisting of zinc oxide, coated zinc oxide, surface-treated zinc oxide, titanium
- dioxide, surface-treated titanium dioxide, graphite, explosives, air-sensitive chemicals, moisture-
- sensitive chemicals, boron nitride, iron oxides, talc, mica, plastics, polymers, silica, silicon dioxide,
- aluminum oxide, metal particles, antibacterials, antibiotics, anesthetics, glass, clays, gums,
- 6 capsules containing an active ingredient, starch, modified starch, other encapsulated materials, and
- 7 combinations thereof.
- 1 17. The gel composition of claim 13, wherein the suspended component is a liquid selected
- 2 from the group consisting of water, water containing a water-soluble material, glycerin, propylene
- glycol, butylene glycol, alcohols, acids, surfactants, emulsifiers, polyglycerols, ethers, polar esters,
- 4 fluorinated compounds, perfluoropolyethers, silicones, silicon-containing compounds, and
- 5 combinations thereof.
- 1 18. The gel composition of claim 1, further comprising an active ingredient.

1	19.	The gel composition of claim 18, wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group
2	consi	sting of sunscreens, antiperspirants, deodorants, perfumes, cosmetics, emollients, insect
3	repel	lants, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, plasticizers, insecticides, and medicaments.
1	20.	A gel composition, comprising:
2		a compound selected from the group consisting of alcohols, ethers, naturally occurring fats
3	and o	oils, and combinations thereof; and
4		a polymer compound selected from the group consisting of diblock copolymers, triblock
5	copo	lymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof.
1	21.	The gel composition of claim 20, wherein the alcohols include octyl dodecanol or
2	isoste	earyl alcohol.
1	22.	The gel composition of claim 20, wherein the ethers include dicarylyl ether.
1	23.	The gel composition of claim 20, wherein the naturally occurring fats and oils include
2	linse	ed oil, soybean oil, sunflower seed oil, corn oil, sesame oil, olive oil, castor oil, coconut oil,
3	palm	oil, and peanut oil.

a compound selected from the group consisting of esters, alcohols, ethers, naturally

a polymer compound selected from the group consisting of alkyl galactomannan,

A gel composition, comprising:

polybutadiene, and combinations thereof.

occurring fats and oils, and combinations thereof; and

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1	25.	A method of making a gel composition, comprising:
2		mixing an ester compound with a polymer compound selected from the group consisting
3	oftrib	lock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations
4	there	of,
5		heating the mixture;
6		agitating the mixture until the mixture becomes homogeneous; and
7		cooling the mixture.
1	<b>2</b> 6.	A method of making a gel composition, comprising:
2		mixing an alcohol, an ether or a naturally occurring fat or oil with a polymer compound
3	selec	ted from the group consisting of diblock copolymers, triblock copolymers, star polymers,
4	radia	polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof,
5		heating the mixture;
6		agitating the mixture until the mixture becomes homogeneous; and
7		cooling the mixture.
1	27.	A method of making a gel composition, comprising:
2		mixing an ester, an alcohol, an ether or a naturally occurring fat or oil with alkyl
3	galac	tomannan or polybutadiene,
4		heating the mixture;
5		agitating the mixture until the mixture becomes homogeneous; and
6		cooling the mixture.

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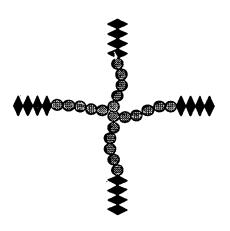
Diblock Copolymer

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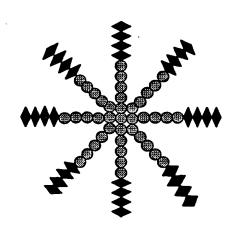
Triblock Copolymer

FIG. 2



Radial Copolymer

FIG. 3



Star Copolymer

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Multi-block Copolymer

FIG 5A



Multi-block Copolymer

FIG. 5B

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